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Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: July 7, 2010/6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Chair: Blake Trask
Recorder: Evan Brown
Location: Seattle City Hall, L204

Minutes Distribution List:

See Attachment A

Members Present:

Evan Brown; Ann Boyd; Allegra Calder; Sean Cryan; Gabe Grijalva; Max Hepp-Buchanan (Secretary); Kelsey Jones-Casey; Neal Komedal; Blake Trask (Chair); Jean White

Members Absent:

Craig Benjamin (Vice Chair); Matthew Crane

Guests:

Josh Cohen (Publicola); Bryan Mukella; Doug Beeman; Aili LePard, David Amiton; Michael Snyder; Dylan Ahearn

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Blake Trask.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Members of the public:
 - Aili Lepard: Admiral Hill / SW Rechannelization: two different configurations. Uphill lane is fine. Downhill has options for sharrows and bike lane, and Aili LePard is concerned about the bike lane. Hill presents too much speed and cyclist is forced to merge back into traffic from bike lane. There will an open house on July 13th at the West Seattle Library to discuss.
 - Doug Beeman: Looking for a "video on the Copenhagen bicycle situation." If a video can be located, Doug Beeman has arranged to have it shown to the State House Transportation Committee.
 - What is the purpose of the gates at light rail crossings in SoDo? Gabe Grijalva believes it may be to address safety at crossings.

PRESENTATIONS

Time: 6:10 p.m.

Topic: Thomas St. Streetscape Concept Plan

Presenter: Geoff Wentlandt, DPD; Dave LaClergue, DPD

Purpose: Present draft material and receive input and guidance from SBAB

The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the city on matters related to bicycling, and the impacts which actions by the city may have upon bicycling; and shall have opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planning processes insofar as they relate to bicycling.

-City Council
 Resolution 25534

Findings/Critical Points:

- Thomas is one of 3 streets that will be connected across the grid at the north portal.
- 'Green Promenade' concept: utilize 3 lanes to accommodate 1 center turn lane, 2 travel lanes and 1 bike facility (lane or sharrow?).
- Harrison is slated to have 4 motor vehicle lanes (2 in each direction). It will provide access to the Seattle Center garage. As it relates to cycling, Harrison has more car traffic and does not pass through Seattle Center as well as Thomas.
- Current plans indicate that Thomas Street will have more traffic than a typical Green Street.
- A separated approach doesn't address the fact that blocks will not all be developed similarly at the same time: some may not have fully developed curb lines or plantings for 15 years.
- The plans for Harrison (specifically, number of travel lanes, presence of turn lane, etc.) impact the requirements for facilities on Thomas.
- Anticipate 2nd public meeting in mid August and finalize draft into a proposal in early fall.
- <http://seattle.gov/dpd/planning> has links to full plan.

SBAB Comments/Questions:

- Are there current and accurate traffic counts for the Thomas St corridor?
- What are current turning movement volumes?
- Is the increase in traffic due to the ongoing Amazon.com relocation?
- Questions were raised about the rationale for not considering cycle-tracks or similar separated facilities along Thomas Street.
- It seems that need for a center turn lane on Thomas is lessened by frequency of stops (signs and signals) at intersections along the corridor and because of low traffic volumes. Also, is a center turn lane really part of a Green Street?
- Encouragement for the DPD team to consider alternate lane configurations beyond the current three-lane configuration.

Action Item or Follow Up:

- Presenters will seek answers to traffic count and turning movement volumes and follow up with SBAB.
- SBAB will meet with SDOT's Eric Tweit to discuss the assumptions regarding the projected average daily (motor vehicle) traffic on Thomas Street following the presumed construction of the deep bore tunnel.
- SBAB encouraged the project team to examine additional bicycle facility designs, including a two-way cycle track on the north side of Thomas Street.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

***Topic:* Bike Facility Prioritization Criteria Revisions and Draft 2011 BMP Project List**

Presenter: Gina Coffman, SDOT

Purpose: Discuss revisions to projects and discuss the next set of projects on the 2011 list

Findings/Critical Points:

- 'Community Interest' Balancing Factor modified in Project Prioritization Criteria: "Is the project supported by community interest in improving bicycle infrastructure?"
- Proposing 30 miles of signed facilities in 2011; 17 miles of on-hold projects.
- Proposed for delayed start:
 - Elliott Bay Route: push to 2011 due to budget constraints.

- Pine Street Connector.
- Virginia-Fairview-Harrison-Eastlake: cannot move forward due to pavement conditions on Harrison.
- West Mercer.
- Northlake Way: Parallels signed BGT and pavement conditions are not up to standards. In the future, would serve as alternative to BGT.
- N 47th St: Bridge across I5 not built yet.
- King St & Weller.
- Bicycle boulevard proposed on Beacon Hill. Signed route would be shifted from 14th Ave to 16th Ave to support that proposal.

SBAB Recommendation:

- To approve the Bike Facility Prioritization Criteria Revisions as revised by SDOT Bike Program staff.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Topic: SDOT Update

Presenter: Sam Woods, SDOT; Doug Cox, SDOT

Purpose: Update SBAB on SDOT's progress on Bicycle Master Plan implementation in 2010

Findings /Critical Points:

- Projects added:
 - Greenwood Ave N between N 87th and 104th.
 - 20th Ave NE that connects NE 45th St to Ravenna.
 - 1.1 miles of sharrows in different corridors in South Park (Cloverdale, Henderson, Holton, etc.).
- Howell St delayed to 2011 while transit corridor improvement facility is added.
- Progress on challenging projects:
 - Nickerson and Admiral should proceed.
 - Plan to remove some parking on Roosevelt north of 75th Street.
- Upcoming Open Houses
 - Roosevelt: Fairview Christian Auditorium, Monday, July 12, 5-7 p.m.
 - Admiral: West Seattle Library, Tuesday, July 13, 5-7 p.m.
 - Ellis Ave S: Wednesday, July 21.
 - North 125 St Bike Lane Project: Monday, July 26.
 - Beacon Hill Neighborhood: Tuesday, July 27.
- Seattle City Light will be installing two large light posts that will cause detours on the Burke-Gilman Trail from mid July to late September 2010.

Action Item or Follow Up:

- Doug Cox will email SBAB a list and information for the upcoming open houses.

Time: 7:44 p.m.

Topic: Committee and/or Board Member Updates

Presenters: SBAB Members

Purpose: Provide updates on Committee meetings attended by SBAB members

Findings/Critical Points:

- Dexter Open House:
 - Dexter proposal has bike lane adjacent to sidewalk with parked cars between bike lane and motor vehicle lane, there were differing views on this proposal at the Open House.
 - Sam Woods will provide update on modifications to proposal.
- Linden Ave N/Complete Streets Project:
 - SBAB encouraged consideration of cycle track.
 - Ann Boyd has agreed to continue following the project; project manager has agreed to follow up with SBAB when design reaches 60 percent completion.
- Mercer East Corridor:
 - Blake Trask and Gabe Grijalva met with SDOT project manager, Angela Brady. The project is nearly at 100 percent design completion, and an e-mail from SDOT's to SBAB Eric Widstrand implied that suggestions for improvement will probably not be incorporated.
 - Lesson learned: important for SBAB to engage early in its review of projects; similarly important for SDOT to proactively approach SBAB when new projects are in conceptual development.
- Joint Technical Committee for SR-520 Replacement:
 - Most recent meeting focused on transit and location of transit stations.
 - U-Link bike/ped connection to Rainier Vista: WSDOT is still considering bike/pedestrian bridge, which was resurrected as a design concept in part because mid-block crossing was removed.
- Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board (SPAB) liaison needed to replace Evan Brown who is completing his two-year term. Additionally, Craig Benjamin stepping down after completion of his term in August.
- South Viaduct Replacement – attended by Blake Trask:
 - Big questions:
 - Planning to put in full-spec bike lanes from Holgate north to S Atlantic. Is there a possibility of starting a multi-use trail there? That is off the table currently because of right-of-way and funding constraints.
 - Little H freight trail bypass: encouraged to get 16' right-of-way instead of 14' right-of-way.
- Sound Transit Roosevelt/Brooklyn/Northgate Station Kickoff Meetings.
 - SBAB should determine how they might be involved.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- Blake Trask adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

ATTACHMENT A

July Meeting Minutes Distribution List:

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Doug Cox, Assistant Transportation Planner, SDOT Liaison

Eric Widstrand, Traffic Operations Manager, SDOT

Meeting Presenters: Geoff Wentlandt, DPD; Dave LaClergue, DPD; Gina Coffman, SDOT

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